



California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 27, 1988

Victoria E. Davis
Deputy County Counsel
County of Yolo
625 Court Street, Room 201
P.O. Box 127
Woodland, CA 95695

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-88-268

Dear Ms. Davis:

You have requested confirmation of our telephone advice concerning a mass mailing by the Yolo County Clerk to approximately 500 people who served on elections boards in the precinct on election day. These election workers were sworn in and received a small amount of compensation from the county for their services.

In our telephone conversation, I advised you that such a mailing was not prohibited by Government Code Section 89001. Your letter accurately reflects the telephone advice I provided.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

Kathryn E. Donovan

By: Kathryn E. Donovan
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kathy Donovan, Fair Political Practices Commission

FROM: Victoria E. Davis, Deputy County Counsel VD

DATE: July 13, 1988

RE: Proposition 73 Mass Mailing

This memorandum is to confirm our telephone conversations of July 11 and 12 with regard to the Yolo County Clerk wanting to send letters of recognition to persons who served on elections boards in the precinct on election day. There are approximately 500 such persons, who received symbolic remuneration for a long day's work.

Your advice to me was that the County Clerk's contemplated action was permissible under Proposition 73. You based your advice in part on a similar incident in which the Governor desired to send thank you letters to State employees who performed extra work during the floods of 1986. The Governor was running for re-election at the time, so Government Code §89001 was an issue. The FPPC advised the Governor his mailing was not prohibited, in part because the recipients were State employees, rather than constituents at large. The election workers, having been sworn and received compensation from the County, are situated similarly to the State employees whom the Governor wished to recognize, so the County Clerk may send his letters.

I assume I will hear from you if this memorandum does not accurately reflect our conversations as you understood them.

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California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 15, 1988

Victoria Davis
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Re: 88-268

Dear Ms. Davis:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on July 14, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Kathryn Donovan, an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

- We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore,
- unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diane M. Griffiths", is written over the typed name.

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

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